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CHP Obtains Funding for Added Traffic Enforcement

SACRAMENTO—The California Highway Patrol (CHP) has begun its second, year-long "Saving Lives In California II" (SLIC II) project on roadways throughout the state. Funding for this project was provided by a \$6.16 million grant from the state Office of Traffic Safety and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. SLIC II focuses on reducing the number of fatal and injury collisions on both state highways and county roads, as well as reducing the number of fatal and injury collisions involving victims who are not wearing safety belts, thereby reducing the number of victims killed and injured in such collisions. SLIC II also focuses on reducing the number of fatal and injury motorcycle-involved collisions within CHP jurisdiction and the number of victims killed and injured in such collisions.

Using project-funded overtime, the eight CHP field Divisions will deploy officers on state highways and county roads to enforce traffic violations which most commonly cause collisions. These violations typically include speeding, right-of-way violations, failing to drive on the right half of the roadway, improper turning, and driving under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs. The CHP urges motorists to prevent fatal and injury collisions by reducing their speed, being watchful for motorcyclists, and buckling their safety belts.